

# MARYLAND AGRI-FACTS



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## CHICKENS & EGGS

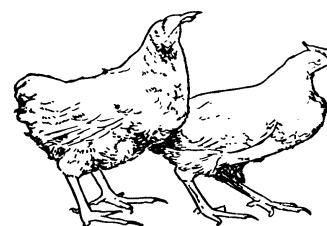
Maryland laying flocks produced 72 million eggs during May 2000, of which 65 million were table eggs and 7 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 70.5 percent. The average number of layers on hand during May 2000 was 3,295,000. On June 1, 2000, 10.0 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 32.5 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.11 billion during May 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.94 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.97 billion table eggs and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 68.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2000 averaged 327 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during May 1999. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,176 eggs, up slightly from 2,166 eggs in May 1999. Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 40.9 million, up slightly from May 1999. Eggs in incubators

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totaled 33.4 million on June 1, 2000, down 11 percent from a year ago. The May 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 775 million, was up 1 percent from May of the previous year. There were 639 million eggs in incubators on June 1, 2000, up slightly from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.44 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2000, down 4 percent from May 1999.



EGGS AND LAYERS: May 1999 and 2000			
Item	1999	2000	2000/1999
<b>Eggs Produced During May</b>	-----Million-----		<b>Percent</b>
U.S.	6,941	7,107	102
Maryland	77	72	94
<b>Layers, Average Number During May</b>	-----Thousand-----		
U.S.	320,498	326,554	102
Maryland	3,410	3,295	97
<b>Eggs/100 Layers During May</b>	-----Number-----		
U.S.	2,166	2,176	100
Maryland	2,258	2,185	97

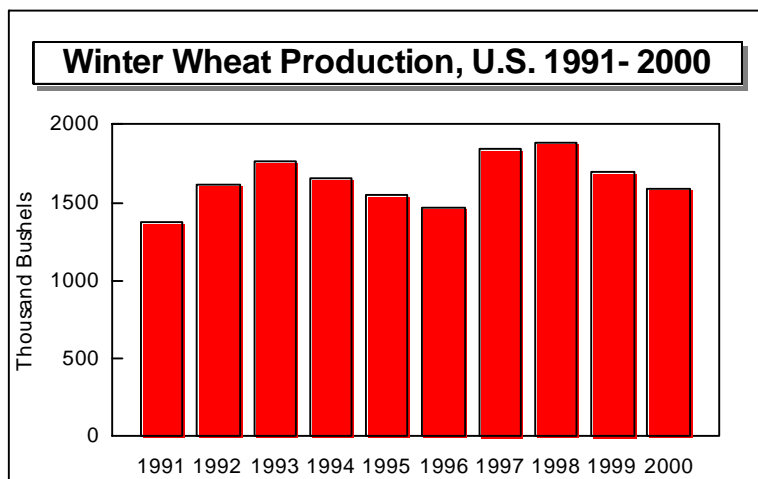
## CROP PRODUCTION

**Maryland:** Based on the July Yield survey for conditions around July 1<sup>st</sup>, farmers are expecting a winter wheat yield of 63 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the 1999 winter wheat yield. Harvested acreage is up 5,000 acres from last year. This year's production is up by 915 thousand bushels due to the increased acreage and improved yield. According to the Maryland Crop Progress Report, as of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 80 percent of the winter wheat acres had been harvested, which is 23 percent higher than the five year average at this time.

For barley, yield is forecast at 84 bushels per acre, an increase of 5 percent over last year's final estimate of 80 bushels per acre. Barley harvested acreage for this year indicated no change from last year's level. However, this year's production level of 4.2 million bushels is nearly 5 percent more than the final 1999 production level of 4.0 million bushels. From the current Maryland Crop Progress Report, barley harvest is virtually complete.

**United States:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.59 billion bushels. This is down 2 percent from last month and down 7 percent from 1999. The U.S. yield is now forecast at 44.9 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from last month. States declining from June are: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming.

Summer potato production is forecast to decline from 18.9 million to 18.1 million pounds in 2000. States with higher expected production of summer potatoes this year include: Alabama, Colorado, Delaware and Virginia. Fall potato production has not yet been estimated, but harvested acreage is expected to increase from 1,166 thousand acres in 1999 to 1,200 thousand this year, with Idaho, Minnesota, North Dakota and Washington all increasing.



Forecasted production for 2000.

# ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 1999 AND 2000

Crop	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
		1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
<b>Maryland</b>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	470	480	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	360	400	93	<sup>4</sup>	33,480	<sup>4</sup>
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	100	<sup>5</sup>	11	<sup>5</sup>	1,100	<sup>5</sup>
Soybeans	BU	490	500	480	490	30	<sup>4</sup>	14,400	<sup>4</sup>
Sorghum	BU	---	17	---	15	---	<sup>4</sup>	---	<sup>4</sup>
Winter Wheat <sup>2</sup>	BU	215	220	200	205	60	63	12,000	12,915
Barley	BU	55	55	50	50	80	84	4,000	4,200
All Hay	TON	---	---	210	230	2.51	<sup>4</sup>	528	<sup>4</sup>
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	60	60	2.8	<sup>4</sup>	168	<sup>4</sup>
Other Hay	TON	---	---	150	170	2.4	<sup>4</sup>	360	<sup>4</sup>
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	6.5	6.0	1,400	<sup>4</sup>	9,100	<sup>4</sup>
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	240	240	1,128	1,128
Peaches	LBS	---	---	---	---	---	---	8,800	9,000
<b>United States</b>								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	77,431	79,579	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	70,537	73,088	133.8	---	9,437	<sup>4</sup>
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	6,062	---	15.9	---	96	<sup>5</sup>
Sorghum	BU	9,288	8,805	8,544	8,110	69.7	---	---	<sup>4</sup>
Soybeans	BU	73,780	74,501	72,476	73,474	36.5	---	2,643	<sup>4</sup>
Wheat, Winter <sup>2</sup>	BU	43,431	43,349	35,572	35,401	47.8	44.9	1,700	1,588
Barley	BU	5,223	5,702	4,758	5,235	59.2	58.7	282	307
All Hay	TON	---	---	63,160	62,181	2.52	---	159	<sup>4</sup>
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	23,985	23,767	3.5	---	84	<sup>4</sup>
Other Hay	TON	---	---	39,175	38,414	1.92	---	75	<sup>4</sup>
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	647.2	493.8	1,997	---	1,293	<sup>4</sup>
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	68.8	64.8	63.9	62.7	295	289	18.9	18.1
Peaches	LBS	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,513.4	2,668.1

<sup>1/</sup> Acres planted is for all purposes.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.

<sup>3/</sup> Published July 12, 2000

<sup>4/</sup> Published August 11, 2000

<sup>5/</sup> Published January 2001

## AUGUST RELEASE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2 Broiler Hatchery	3 Dairy Products	4
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